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SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION TO
RESPONSE TO SECOND REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding second requirement for restriction, applicants filed, on February 13, 2003, by facsimile transmission, a traversal of this restriction requirement, including a memorandum of law in support thereof. Supplemental amendments to claims 58, 60, 62-63 were also filed. Also included in this facsimile transmission was a second supplemental information disclosure statement. The copy of this IDS, being the Faxed copy was inadvertently not signed (the signed copy was not the one Faxed in that evening transmission). Therefore, the executed signature page for this second, supplemental IDS, is being Faxed herewith.

Applicants' response did not elect between embodiments IIa and IIb as applicants had offered proof that at least independent claim 59 was generic to both embodiments IIa and IIb at the time the Examiner drafted his second requirement for restriction. Likewise, applicants provided proof that independent claim 60 was also generic to both embodiments IIa and IIb at the time the Examiner drafted his second requirement for restriction. However, applicants